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S.B. No. 496

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a Pressure Vessel Division in the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Board of Pressure Vessel Rules and defining their duties and responsibilities; requiring that pressure vessels meet certain standards; providing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the Pressure Vessel Act.

Sec. 2. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Act:

(1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the State of Texas.

(2) "Board" means the Board of Pressure Vessel Rules.

(3) "Director" means the Director of the Pressure Vessels Division of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the State of Texas.

(4) "Deputy inspector" means an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels appointed by the commissioner.

(5) "Authorized inspector" means an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels holding a Texas commission issued by the commissioner and who is regularly employed by a company licensed to insure pressure vessels in this state.

(6) "Special inspector" means an inspector holding a Texas certificate of competency issued by the commissioner and who is continuously employed by any owner-user operating pressure vessels

1 in this state for which the owner-user maintains a regularly
2 established inspection procedure pursuant to this Act.

3 (7) "Inspector" means the director, a deputy inspector,
4 an authorized inspector, or a special inspector.

5 (8) "Owner-user" means any person, firm, or corporation
6 owning, operating, in charge of, or in control of any pressure
7 vessel and maintaining a regularly established inspection procedure
8 pursuant to this Act.

9 (9) "Pressure vessel" means any vessel in which the pressure
10 is obtained from an external source or by the application of heat
11 from an indirect source or from a direct source.

12 (10) "Certificate inspection" means an inspection, the
13 report of which is used by the director to decide whether or not
14 a certificate of operation may be issued.

15 (11) "Special inspection" means any inspection performed
16 by the director or any deputy inspector other than the required
17 inspection pursuant to Section 15 of this Act.

18 (12) "ASME Code" means the American Society of Mechanical
19 Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code with revisions,
20 amendments, and interpretations adopted by the council of the
21 society and adopted by the board.

22 (13) "National Board" means the National Board of Boiler
23 and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

24 (14) "Operating limits" means limits of pressure and
25 temperature in accordance with the ASME Code.

26 Sec. 3. BOARD OF PRESSURE VESSEL RULES. (a) There is
27 established within the Bureau of Labor Statistics a Board of

1 Pressure Vessel Rules, consisting of nine members appointed by
2 the governor with the consent and approval of the senate. Except
3 for the initial appointees, members hold office for terms of six
4 years expiring on January 31 of odd-numbered years. In making
5 the initial appointments, the governor shall designate three for
6 terms expiring in 1975, three for terms expiring in 1977, and
7 three for terms expiring in 1979.

8 (b) The governor may remove any member of the board for
9 inefficiency or neglect of duty in office. Upon the death or
10 incapacity of any member, the governor shall fill the vacancy for
11 the remainder of the vacated term with an individual representative
12 of the same interests with which his predecessor was identified.

13 (c) The nine members must have experience with pressure
14 vessels and at least four must be registered professional engineers
15 licensed in the State of Texas. Three members must be
16 representatives of owner-users of pressure vessels, two must be
17 representatives of pressure vessel manufacturers, two must be
18 representatives of companies insuring boilers and pressure vessels
19 in this state, one must be a mechanical engineer on the faculty
20 of a recognized engineering college within the state, and one
21 must be a representative of the boilermakers.

22 (d) The board shall elect one of its members to serve as
23 chairman. At the call of the chairman, the board shall meet at
24 least four times each year at a place designated by the board.
25 No decision of the board shall be effective unless supported by
26 the vote of at least five members.

27 (e) The board members serve without salary, but are entitled

1 to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance
2 of their duties as board members.

3 Sec. 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS. (a) The board shall
4 formulate definitions, rules, and regulations for safe
5 construction, installation, operating limits, alteration, and
6 repair of pressure vessels in this state and for inspections
7 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

8 (b) The definitions, rules, and regulations formulated for
9 new construction and installation shall follow generally accepted
10 nationwide engineering standards, formulas, and practices
11 pertaining to pressure vessel construction and safety. The board
12 may, by resolution, adopt the ASME Code as part of the definitions,
13 rules, and regulations.

14 (c) The definitions, rules, and regulations formulated for
15 pressure vessels in operation before 12 months from the publication
16 date of the initial rules and regulations shall follow generally
17 accepted engineering standards and practices and may be based on
18 the National Board Inspection Code.

19 (d) The board shall conduct a hearing on all formulated
20 rules and regulations. The time, place, and matters to be
21 considered at the hearing shall be posted for 20 days preceding
22 the hearing in a manner designed to give actual notice. All
23 persons directly affected shall be mailed a notice at least 20
24 days prior to the hearing. If all persons directly affected are
25 unknown, notice shall also be published in a Texas newspaper of
26 general publication for 28 days before the hearing.

27 (e) After the board's hearing, the commissioner may approve

1 the formulated rules and regulations and cause the approved rules
2 and regulations to be published. Except for the rules and
3 regulations concerning construction specifications and the initial
4 rules and regulations described in Section 6 of this Act, rules
5 and regulations shall be effective upon publication. All rules
6 and regulations concerning construction specifications shall not
7 be mandatory until 12 months after publication.

8 (f) The board shall have the discretion to set an effective
9 date up to 12 months for amendments of rules and regulations.

10 Sec. 5. PROCEDURE FOR MODIFICATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.

11 (a) Any person aggrieved by a fundamental rule, regulation, or
12 order of the board may notify the board of the grievance in
13 writing; the board shall consider the grievance and may amend or
14 repeal the rule, regulation, or order on its own motion. If the
15 board fails to amend or repeal the rule, regulation, or order
16 within 10 days of the written notice of grievance, the aggrieved
17 party may file a written application for a hearing. The board
18 shall conduct a hearing within 10 days after receipt of the
19 application. At the hearing, the aggrieved party shall have the
20 opportunity to show cause for the amendment or repeal of the rule,
21 regulation, or order.

22 (b) Upon failure of the board to amend or repeal the
23 fundamental rule, regulation, or order, the aggrieved person may
24 file a petition to review, set aside, modify, or suspend the
25 action of the board within 30 days of the date of the board
26 hearing. The suit may be brought in the district court of the
27 county in which the vessel is located or in the district court

1 of Travis County.

2 Sec. 6. PRESSURE VESSEL INSTALLATION. (a) The initial
3 rules and regulations concerning construction and installation
4 shall not become effective until 12 months from the date of
5 publication. The board may grant, at its discretion, a special
6 installation and operating permit for a pressure vessel of special
7 design or construction, consistent with the safety objectives of
8 the rules and regulations.

9 (b) All pressure vessels contracted for before the
10 publication date of the board's initial rules and regulations or
11 constructed, installed, or placed in operation before 12 months
12 from the publication date shall conform to the rules and
13 regulations for installations in existence before the publication
14 date.

15 (c) A pressure vessel described in Subsection (b) may be
16 used, sold, or reinstalled if it conforms with the board rules
17 and regulations governing installations in existence before the
18 publication date and has inspection certification of safe
19 condition.

20 Sec. 7. EXEMPTIONS. The provisions of this Act do not
21 apply to:

22 (1) pressure vessels owned and/or operated by the United
23 States government;

24 (2) pressure vessels used for the transportation and storage
25 of compressed or liquefied gases if constructed and operated in
26 compliance with specifications and regulations of the United
27 States Department of Transportation;

1 (12) pressure vessels covered by the Texas Boiler Law;

2 (13) pressure vessels in buildings occupied solely for
3 residence purposes with accommodations not to exceed four families;

4 (14) pressure vessels located on farms and used exclusively
5 for agricultural purposes;

6 (15) pressure vessels in use solely by and in care, custody,
7 and control of research facilities for research that will result
8 in the destruction of the vessel;

9 (16) any pressure vessel used as an integral part of an
10 electrical circuit breaker or transformer; or

11 (17) mechanical equipment other than pressure vessels.

12 Sec. 8. DIRECTOR. (a) The commissioner shall appoint a
13 citizen of this state, or, if not available, a citizen of another
14 state, who has at the time of the appointment not less than 10
15 years experience in the construction, installation, inspection,
16 operation, maintenance, or repair of pressure vessels as a
17 mechanical engineer or pressure vessel inspector, and who has
18 passed the kind of examination described in Section 12 of this
19 Act, to be director. The director may be removed for cause after
20 investigation by the board, the board's recommendation of removal,
21 and approval by the commissioner.

22 (b) The director shall:

23 (1) take action necessary for the enforcement of the laws
24 of the state governing the use of pressure vessels to which this
25 Act applies.

26 (2) keep a complete record of the name of the owner-user,
27 and his location; and the type, dimensions, maximum allowable

1 (3) pressure vessels located on vehicles operating pursuant
2 to regulations of other state authorities, and used for carrying
3 passengers or freight;

4 (4) pressure vessels installed on the right-of-way of
5 railroads and used directly in the operation of trains;

6 (5) pressure vessels having an internal or external
7 operating pressure not exceeding 15 PSIG with no limit on size;

8 (6) pressure vessels with a nominal water-containing
9 capacity of 120 gallons or less for containing water under
10 pressure, including those containing air, the compression of which
11 serves only as a cushion;

12 (7) pressure vessels containing water heated by steam or
13 any other indirect means when none of the following limitations
14 are exceeded:

15 (A) a heat input of 200,000 BTU per hour;

16 (B) a water temperature of 200° F;

17 (C) a nominal water-containing capacity of 120 gallons;

18 (8) pressure vessels that do not exceed:

19 (A) five cubic feet in volume and 250 PSIG pressure; or

20 (B) one and one-half cubic feet in volume and 600 PSIG
21 pressure; or

22 (C) an inside diameter of six inches with no limitation
23 on pressure;

24 (9) pressure vessels which are under the regulation and
25 control of the Texas Railroad Commission;

26 (10) piping and pipelines;

27 (11) fired process tubular heaters and furnaces;

1 working pressure, age, and date of the last recorded inspection
2 of all pressure vessels to which this Act applies.

3 (3) publish and upon application make available copies of
4 the board's rules and regulations.

5 (4) issue, suspend, or revoke for cause a certificate of
6 operation.

7 (5) cause the prosecution of violators of the provisions
8 of this Act.

9 (6) from the moneys appropriated by the legislature pay
10 the expenses authorized by this Act including the maintenance
11 expenses of the director's office and traveling expenses of the
12 director and his deputies.

13 Sec. 9. DEPUTY INSPECTORS. The commissioner shall appoint
14 deputy inspectors to be responsible to the director who have
15 passed the examination pursuant to Section 12 of this Act, are
16 at least 25 years of age, and have education and experience equal
17 to at least one of the following:

18 (1) a degree in mechanical engineering plus one year of
19 experience in the design, construction, operation, or inspection
20 of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels;

21 (2) a degree in a branch of engineering other than
22 mechanical engineering plus two years of experience in design,
23 construction, operation, or inspection of high pressure boilers
24 and pressure vessels;

25 (3) the equivalent of a high school education plus three
26 years of experience:

27 (A) in high pressure boiler and pressure vessel construction

1 or repair; or

2 (B) as an operating engineer in charge of high pressure
3 boiler operation; or

4 (C) as an inspector of high pressure boilers and pressure
5 vessels.

6 Sec. 10. AUTHORIZED INSPECTORS. (a) The commissioner
7 shall, upon the request of any company licensed to insure boilers
8 and pressure vessels in this state, issue to any inspectors of
9 the company commissions as authorized inspectors, if each inspector
10 satisfactorily passes the examination described in Section 12 of
11 this Act; or holds a commission as an inspector of boilers and
12 pressure vessels issued by the National Board.

13 (b) An authorized inspector shall receive no salary from,
14 nor shall any of their expenses be paid by, the state, and the
15 continuance of an authorized inspector's commission shall be
16 conditioned upon his continuing in the employ of a company licensed
17 to insure boilers and pressure vessels in this state.

18 Sec. 11. SPECIAL INSPECTORS. (a) The director shall issue
19 a certificate of competency as a special inspector to an inspector
20 of an owner-user which (1) requests the issuance, (2) operates
21 pressure vessels in this state, (3) maintains a regularly
22 established inspection procedure under the supervision of one or
23 more individuals whose qualifications are satisfactory to the
24 board, and (4) causes the pressure vessels to be regularly
25 inspected and rated by the inspection procedure in accordance
26 with the board's rules and regulations.

27 (b) Before receiving the certificate of competency, the

1 inspector shall (1) be certified pursuant to Subsection (d) of
2 this section, (2) be continuously employed by the owner-user, and
3 (3) be responsible for making inspections of pressure vessels not
4 for resale, and used, or to be used, by the owner-user.

5 (c) Special inspectors shall receive no salary from, nor
6 shall any of their expenses be paid by, the state, and the
7 continuance of a special inspector's certificate of competency
8 shall be conditioned upon his continuing in the employ of the
9 owner-user operating pressure vessels in this state and upon his
10 maintenance of the standards imposed by this Act.

11 (d) The board's rules and regulations shall govern the
12 certification of the applicant and issuance of a certificate of
13 competency as a special inspector.

14 Sec. 12. EXAMINATION. Examinations for director, deputy,
15 or authorized inspectors shall be in writing and held by the
16 board, with at least two members of the board present at all times
17 during the examination. The examination shall be confined to
18 areas of competency necessary for the specified position such as
19 the questions prepared by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure
20 Vessel Inspectors. If an applicant for an inspector's commission
21 fails to pass the examination, he may appeal to the board for
22 another examination which shall be given by the board within 90
23 days. The record of an applicant's examination shall be accessible
24 to the applicant and his employers.

25 Sec. 13. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF COMMISSION OR
26 CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY. (a) An inspector's commission or
27 certificate of competency may be suspended by the director after

1 due investigation and recommendation by the board, for the
2 inspector's incompetence, untrustworthiness, or willful
3 falsification in his application or in an inspection report made
4 by him. Written notice of any suspension shall be given by the
5 director within 10 days thereof to the inspector and his employer.
6 A person whose commission or certificate of competency has been
7 suspended is entitled to an appeal to the board and to be present
8 in person or to be represented by counsel at the appeal hearing.

9 (b) If the board has reason to believe that an inspector
10 is no longer qualified to hold his commission or certificate of
11 competency the board shall, with not less than 10 days' written
12 notice to the inspector and his employer, hold a hearing at which
13 the inspector and his employer shall have an opportunity to be
14 heard. If the board finds that the inspector is not qualified
15 to hold his commission or certificate of competency, the board
16 shall recommend to the commissioner that the commission or
17 certificate of competency be revoked, and the commissioner may
18 thereupon revoke the commission or certificate of competency.

19 (c) A person whose commission or certificate of competency
20 has been suspended is entitled to apply, after 90 days from the
21 date of such suspension, for reinstatement of the commission or
22 certificate of competency.

23 Sec. 14. REPLACEMENT AND RENEWAL OF COMMISSION OR
24 CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY. (a) If a commission or certificate
25 of competency is lost or destroyed, a new commission or certificate
26 shall be issued in its place without another examination.

27 (b) Renewal of a commission or certificate of competency

1 is required in December of each year, at which time a new
2 identifying card will be issued.

3 Sec. 15. INSPECTION OF PRESSURE VESSELS. (a) All new
4 pressure vessels covered by this Act shall be inspected during
5 construction by either an inspector authorized to inspect pressure
6 vessels in this state, an inspector holding a commission issued
7 by the national board, or an authorized owner-user inspector as
8 provided by the ASME Code. After inspection, the new pressure
9 vessels shall be registered with the national board.

10 (b) On or after the effective date of the rules and
11 regulations, each pressure vessel covered by this Act shall be
12 given a certificate inspection at intervals to decide whether or
13 not a certificate of operation may be issued. Pressure vessels
14 shall be inspected biennially unless the owner-user maintains a
15 regularly established inspection procedure under the supervision
16 of one or more individuals whose qualifications are satisfactory
17 to the board and cause the pressure vessels to be regularly
18 inspected by special inspectors in accordance with the board's
19 rules and regulations.

20 (c) A pressure vessel (except for owner-user vessels)
21 relocated from an existing setting shall be given a certificate
22 inspection before it is returned to service.

23 (d) Nuclear vessels within the scope of the Act shall be
24 inspected and reported in such form and with such appropriate
25 information as the board requires.

26 (e) The director, deputy inspector, or any authorized
27 inspector shall have free access during reasonable hours to any

1 premises in the state where a pressure vessel is being constructed,
2 altered or repaired, for use in or is being installed in this
3 state for the purpose of ascertaining whether the pressure vessel
4 is being constructed, installed, altered or repaired, in accordance
5 with the provisions of the Act.

6 (f) The board may, at its discretion, permit longer periods
7 between certificate inspections and permit variations in inspection
8 requirements.

9 Sec. 16. PROHIBITION AGAINST OPERATION OF PRESSURE VESSEL
10 WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION. No pressure vessel covered by
11 this Act may be operated within this state unless the pressure
12 vessel has been recorded with the Pressure Vessel Division of the
13 Bureau of Labor Statistics and has been issued a certificate of
14 operation for the vessel or unless the owner-user of the pressure
15 vessel has complied with Sections 15 and 19 of this Act. The
16 certificate of operation remains in effect until it expires or
17 is canceled for cause by the commissioner.

18 Sec. 17. INJUNCTION AGAINST OPERATION OF UNSAFE PRESSURE
19 VESSELS. (a) If the operation of a vessel constitutes a serious
20 menace to the safety of any person near the installation, the
21 commissioner, the director, or any deputy inspector shall apply
22 for an injunction restraining the operation of the unsafe vessel
23 until the unsafe condition has been corrected.

24 (b) The suit shall be brought in the district court in the
25 county in which the vessel is located by either the attorney
26 general or the district attorney of that county.

27 (c) The state shall not be required to verify pleadings

1 or execute a bond in an injunction suit.

2 (d) The affidavit of the commissioner, the director, or
3 any deputy inspector that the vessel's operation constitutes a
4 menace to the safety of any person near the installation shall
5 be prima facie evidence of danger warranting the granting of a
6 temporary restraining order.

7 Sec. 18. INSPECTION REPORTS AND CERTIFICATES OF OPERATION.

8 (a) Every insurance company licensed to insure pressure vessels
9 in this state shall, within 30 days following each certificate
10 inspection, file a report of such inspection with the director
11 upon appropriate forms promulgated by the National Board. If the
12 pressure vessel is found to comply with the board's rules and
13 regulations, the insured under this section shall pay a fee of
14 \$3 to the director.

15 (b) The director, or his duly authorized representative,
16 shall issue to such insured a certificate of operation bearing
17 the date of inspection and specifying the maximum allowable working
18 pressure under which the pressure vessel may be operated.
19 Certificates shall be posted in the room containing the pressure
20 vessel, in a location convenient to the pressure vessel, or filed
21 in any place where they will be accessible.

22 (c) The insured of every pressure vessel inspected by an
23 authorized inspector on which such insurance company has issued
24 a policy of insurance after inspection thereof shall be exempt
25 from other inspections and inspection fees except as provided in
26 Subsection (a) above unless the director authorizes the inspection
27 of any insured pressure vessel at a reasonable time believing the

1 insured pressure vessel to be in an unsafe condition. The director
2 shall contact the insured and the authorized inspector. The
3 director or deputy inspector and the insured and authorized
4 inspector shall jointly inspect the pressure vessel within 20
5 days after notice by the director. No additional charge shall
6 be made for this joint inspection.

7 (d) Every insurance company shall notify the director in
8 writing of the cancellation or expiration of every policy of
9 insurance issued by it with reference to pressure vessels in this
10 state, within 60 days after the expiration or cancellation of the
11 policy, giving the cause or reason for the cancellation or
12 expiration.

13 (e) If an authorized inspector, upon the inspection of a
14 new risk, finds that the pressure vessel or any of the
15 appurtenances are in such condition that his company refuses
16 insurance, the company shall immediately notify the director and
17 submit a report of the defects.

18 Sec. 19. OWNER-USER INSPECTION REPORTS AND RECORDS. (a)
19 Each company operating pressure vessels covered by owner-user
20 inspection procedure meeting the requirements of this Act shall
21 maintain in its files an inspection record which lists, by number
22 and such abbreviated description as necessary for identification,
23 each pressure vessel covered by this Act, the date of the last
24 inspection of each unit, and for each pressure vessel the
25 approximate date for the next inspection arrived at by applying
26 the appropriate rules to all data available at the time such
27 inspection record is compiled. The inspection records shall be

1 readily available for examination by the director or his authorized
2 representative during business hours.

3 (b) Each company shall file annually with the director a
4 statement signed by the individual having supervision over the
5 inspections made during the period covered, stating the number
6 of vessels at each location covered by this Act inspected during
7 the year, and certifying that each such inspection was conducted
8 pursuant to the inspection requirements provided for by this Act.

9 (c) The annual statement shall be accompanied by a filing
10 fee in accordance with the following schedule:

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| 11 | (1) for statements covering 1 to 25 vessels | \$ 3 each |
| 12 | (2) for statements covering 26 to 100 vessels | \$ 75 |
| 13 | (3) for statements covering 101 to 500 vessels | \$150 |
| 14 | (4) for statements covering more than 500 vessels | \$300 |

15 (d) If a pressure vessel is scrapped, destroyed, or
16 otherwise disposed of, the owner-user shall notify the director
17 on the next annual report.

18 Sec. 20. INSPECTION FEES. (a) The following inspection
19 fees shall be charged for certificate inspections performed by
20 deputy inspectors. Fees are to be based on the maximum length
21 of the vessel times the maximum width or diameter, to wit:

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| 22 | (1) 30 sq. ft. or less | \$ 8 |
| 23 | (2) over 30 sq. ft. but less than 60 sq. ft. | \$12 |
| 24 | (3) 60 sq. ft. but less than 100 sq. ft. | \$15 |
| 25 | (4) 100 sq. ft. or over | \$20 |

26 (b) The fee for any special inspection shall be \$100 per
27 day, plus necessary travel expenses.

1 Sec. 21. CREATION OF THE STATE PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTION
2 FUND. The fees collected pursuant to this Act shall be deposited
3 in the state treasury to the credit of the State Pressure Vessel
4 Inspection Fund to be used by the Pressure Vessel Division in the
5 administration of this Act.

6 Sec. 22. AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSIONER. An affidavit under
7 the seal of the commissioner executed by the said commissioner
8 or the director or any deputy inspector, setting forth the terms
9 of any order of the commissioner, when it was adopted, promulgated,
10 and published, and that it was in effect during any period
11 specified shall be prima facie evidence of all such facts, and
12 shall be admitted in evidence in any action, civil or criminal,
13 involving such order.

14 Sec. 23. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. (a) Any person, firm,
15 corporation, or agent thereof covered by this Act, or any rule,
16 regulation, or order authorized herein, who willfully fails to
17 comply therewith, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
18 is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200,
19 or by confinement in the county jail for not more than 60 days,
20 or by both.

21 (b) Any person in control of any place where a pressure
22 vessel subject to inspection under this Act is located, who in
23 any way prevents or deters an authorized employee of the Pressure
24 Vessel Division from carrying out the provisions of this Act, is
25 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a
26 fine of not more than \$100, or by confinement in the county jail
27 for not more than 60 days, or by both.

1 Sec. 24. PERIOD FOR INITIAL RECORDING. After the effective
2 date of this Act, twelve months shall be allowed in which to
3 initially record all pressure vessels with the board.

4 Sec. 25. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation
5 and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create
6 an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
7 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
8 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
9 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
10 passage, and it is so enacted.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE

May 7, 1973

Honorable William T. "Bill" Moore, Chairman
State Affairs Committee
State Senate
Austin, Texas 78701

In Re: Senate Bill No. 496
By: Brooks

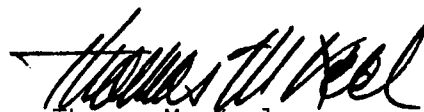
Sir:

In response to your request and pursuant to Senate Rule 94, Subsection (g), this office finds the fiscal implications of Senate Bill No. 496 (relating to the creation of a Pressure Vessel Division in the Bureau of Labor Statistics) to be as follows:

1. The probable cost of implementing the provisions of the bill during each of the first five years following passage is estimated as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1974	\$681,096
1975	590,000
1976	620,000
1977	650,000
1978	680,000

2. Similar annual costs will continue as long as the provisions of the bill are in effect.
3. The bill would provide an inspection fee ranging from \$3.00 to \$20.00 per pressure vessel, which makes the program self-sustaining.



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Legislative Budget Director

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3-6-73 Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

MAR 7 1973 Read, referred to Committee on STATE AFFAIRS

Reported favorably.

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed.

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by
{ unanimous consent.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

Read second time and { ordered engrossed.
passed to third reading.

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of
_____ yeas, _____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

Read third time and passed by { a viva-voce vote.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

OTHER ACTION:

Secretary of the Senate

Engrossed

Sent to HOUSE

ENGROSSING CLERK